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attention was diverted for a moment, and during that time, some thief took the purse. It is thought to be the work of boys, many of whom frequent the corridors of the building.

BURGLARS IN FAIRFIELD.
Randall Smith's store in Fairfield was entered some time last night by burglars who cut out a window and stole a quantity of cigars and toys belonging to Mr. Smith's children.

FLOOD OF MAIL MATTER.
The largest amount of mail matter ever received through the local post office passed through there yesterday. All day Clerk Sanborn and Crocker were at a desk in the lobby of the building, where they attended to the weighing of packages. Postmaster Steward ordered \$6,000 worth of stamps for this month over the regular monthly order of \$8,000 worth.

"CAP" ARNOLD ON HUMAN NATURE.
The "Soliloquizer" had a talk to-day with Capt. George Arnold, during which the latter had something to say of the result of his study of human nature. He mentioned one man and cast some reflections upon his honesty. "Soliloquizer" asked the good natured officer if he thought the man would steal.

"I made no such intimation as that; but if I was a turkey and resided in the same neighborhood with him, I'd take good care to roost pretty high every night! Now you can draw your inference from that," was the reply made by Captain Arnold.

OLD TIME MINSTREL BOYS.
Says the "Soliloquizer": "Last week I attended a minstrel performance, and when the curtain rose on the first part my mind went back to the old days when we had Sam Sharpley, the Morris Brothers, Welch, Hughes, White, Birch, Wambold and Backus, and many others whose names were household words at that time."

"There was also Billy Sweetnam, Dave Reed, Luke Schoolcraft and 'Happy' Cal Wagner. Those were old time general exponents of minstrelsy. There were also many others whose names are not in place of the old minstrel and a program that delineated the characteristics of the genuine plantation dandy was the rule."

There is a change now. The old style minstrel performance has disappeared and we receive in place of it a production devoted to the greater part to spectacular effects, with the minstrel part almost obliterated. True, there are a few specialties that serve to remind one that there was once such a thing as minstrelsy. But these reminders are very few. I've often thought what a hit could be made by some manager if he would revive the old style in the line of amusement."

MUSKETRY SCHOOL AT FORT SILL WILL BE STARTED SOON

Only One of Its Kind in Country—Italians Originated Idea.

Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Dec. 23.—The School of Musketry of the United States army—the only school of its kind in the country—will open at the fort here shortly before the first of January. The exact date has not been decided upon, as the new buildings which are to house the school have not yet been fully completed.

The school is for the training of officers and non-commissioned officers of the army in directing and controlling the fire of bodies of troops and in the systematic handling and formation of troops under fire. Individual marksmanship is not taught. The school was organized last July. It was located at Fort Sill because of the presence here of the School of Fire for Field Artillery, with which it co-operates, and because of the topography of the land in the local reservation, which is the largest in the country. Later on, the war department intends to install regimental schools in each post and then the institution here will be turned into a normal school for the training of teachers.

The idea of mass firing, as opposed to individual marksmanship, was first conceived by an Italian general about twenty years ago. It was developed by the German and finally adopted by the other European countries and musketry schools now are established in all European armies.

The first investigation of the possibilities of mass firing was made in this country seven years ago at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Captain H.E. Eames, now Assistant Commandant of the School at Fort Sill, was selected to take charge of the work. He found nothing in the English language on the subject. The problems and formulas which he worked out now comprise the textbook for the army. The results of test lessons conducted under simulated war conditions have demonstrated the practicability of the theory and the need of thoroughly trained officers according to army officers. They point out that two years ago at the annual rifle meet at Camp Perry, O., a company of the best civilian marksmen was formed to fire in competition with a company chosen at random from the army. The army shooters, although composed of only average marksmen, defeated the civilian marksmen.

The reservation at Fort Sill is a rolling prairie, particularly adapted to rifle practice at concealed targets. Besides being taught range finding and fire control, the officers are taught the art of concealing troops from fire and the most advantageous methods of formation in moving a body of troops across a fire-swept field, or against an enemy position.

The school is divided into five classes and is composed of fifteen field officers, thirty company and troop officers, fifteen machine gun officers and one hundred non-commissioned officers. The field officers above the rank of Captain are being trained as instructors.

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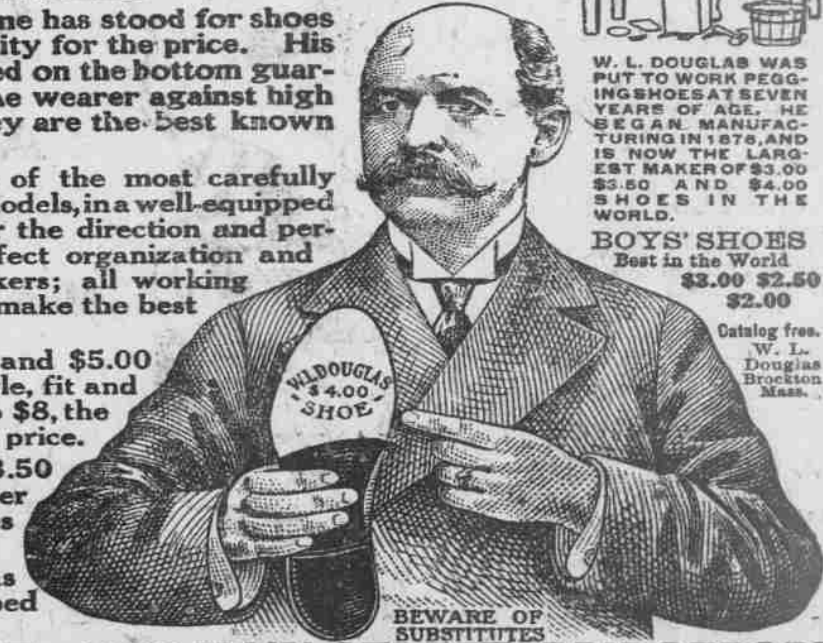
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100—50—20—YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

PRESIDENT MADISON'S MESSAGE.

Synopsis.

(Peace with Algiers; Treaty with Great Britain; Treaty at Ghent; The Indian War; Act for Military Peace Establishment; Merits of the American Army; The Treasury and Treasury Notes; The National Debt; A National Bank; Preparedness; Military Reserves and Military Academies; The Navy.)

Part VI.

INFLUENCE OF THE TARIFF.

"In adjusting the duties on imports, to the object of revenue, the influence of the tariff on manufactures will necessarily present itself for consideration. However wise the theory may be, which leaves to the sagacity and interest of individuals the application of their industry and resources, there are in this, as in other cases, exceptions to the general rule."

"Besides the condition which the theory itself applies, of a reciprocal adoption by other nations, experience teaches that so many circumstances must occur in introducing and maturing the manufacturing establishments, especially of the more complicated kinds, that a country may remain long without them, although sufficiently advanced, and in some respects even peculiarly fitted for carrying them on with success."

"Under circumstances giving a powerful impulse to manufacturing industry, it has made among us a progress, and exhibited an efficiency, which justify the belief that, with protection not more than is due to the enterprising citizens, whose interests are now at stake, it will become, at an early day, not only safe against occasional competitions from abroad, but a source of domestic wealth, and even of external commerce."

"In selecting the branches more especially entitled to the public patronage, a preference in obviousness claimed by such as will relieve the United States from a dependence on foreign supplies, ever subject to casual failures, for articles necessary for the public defense, or connected with the primary wants of individuals. It will be an additional recommendation of particular manufactures, where the materials for them are extensively drawn from our agriculture, and consequently impart and ensure to that great fund of national prosperity and independence, an encouragement which cannot fail to be rewarded."

NEED OF ROADS AND CANALS.

"Among the means of advancing public interest, the occasion is a proper one for recalling the attention of Congress to the great importance of establishing throughout the country the roads and canals which can be best executed under the national authority. No objects within the circle of political economy, so richly repay the expense bestowed on them; there are none, the utility of which is more universally ascertained and acknowledged; none that do more honor to the government, whose wise and enlarged patriotism duly appreciates them."

"Nor is there any country which presents the field, where nature invites more the art of man to complete her own work for his accommodation and benefit. These considerations are strengthened, moreover, by the political effect of these facilities for intercom-

munication, in bringing and binding more closely together the various parts of our extended confederacy.

"Whilst the states, individually, with a laudable enterprise and emulation, avail themselves of their local advantages, by new roads, by navigable canals, and by improving the streams susceptible of navigation, the general government is the more urged to similar undertakings, requiring a national jurisdiction and national means, by the prospect of thus systematically completing so inestimable work. And it is a happy reflection, that any defect of constitutional authority, which may be encountered, can be applied in a mode which the constitution itself has providently pointed out."

(Continued.)

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

LOCAL FENIAN RESOLUTIONS. At an adjourned meeting of the Fenian Circle of the Fenian Brotherhood, held at their hall, Friday evening, Dec. 23, 1865, the following resolutions were submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Fenian Brotherhood is an organization designed to achieve the independence of Ireland through the military power of her own sons, exerted under the direction of tried and trustworthy officers.

Resolved, That we, members of the Fenian Circle of the Fenian Brotherhood, Bridgeport, Conn., have the fullest confidence in the power and capacity of the distinguished officer who was placed in the position of Secretary of War, after the Philadelphia Congress, and that the plans which he has formed with a view to give practical effect to the desires of all national Irishmen, if properly supported and seconded by the men at the head of the Fenian Brotherhood.

Resolved, That as members of the Fenian Brotherhood, we have contributed our money for military purposes and none others; and we emphatically condemn the wasteful extravagance by which so much of our funds has been expended on useless show, and on men who substitute empty professions for actions, and paper editors for steel bayonets.

Resolved, That we, as Fenians, declare our undeviating adherence to the constitution adopted at Philadelphia; that we believe, the Fenian Brotherhood is founded on principle and will outlive the acts and errors of men, and will eventually accomplish the end for which it was organized—the liberation of Ireland.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood are acting in accordance with the constitution, are opposed to the expenditure of our funds for any purpose not having direct relation to the carrying out of the military program, are in favor of sustaining the Secretary of War in the prosecution of his plans, and have the full confidence of that officer, as stated in his report, we, the members of the Fenian Circle of the Fenian Brotherhood, pledge ourselves to support the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood, in every constitutional action; and we exhort all the members of the Fenian Brotherhood, who have the continuance of our organization and the attainment of Ireland's independence at heart, to labor earnestly and honestly for the same object.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to publish these resolutions in our local papers and the Irish Ameri-

can, and forward copies to all the Circles in the State of Connecticut. EDWIN N. GOODWIN, JOHN F. CLANCY, BERNARD KEATING, Committee on Resolutions.

FINGERS SMASHED.
Mrs. Willis Jones, employed in Hotchkiss Son's Manufactory in East Bridgeport, had the index finger on each hand smashed to the second joint, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. Her injuries were attended to by Dr. Hine.

FINE SKATING.
The skating on Pembroke Lake and other places about here, is said to be very fine. A great gathering and a general good time is expected on Monday—the wind and weather permitting.

A MEXICAN DEPOSIT.
Two millions of Mexican silver dollars, coined at El Paso, were deposited on the 21st in one of the banks in Washington, to the credit of the Mexican Republic.

RAZED LIST OF GENERALS.
A razed list of Generals, it is stated will shortly be published—the number on the roll at present being fully double what there is any need of. Gen. Grant is as thorough in his ideas of retirement as the President, and the public are greatly his debtor therefor.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

COURT NATHANIEL WHEELER. Court Nathaniel Wheeler, F. of A., at its annual election of officers at a meeting held last evening chose the following members to hold the various offices for the coming year: Chief ranger, John J. Hughes; sub-chief ranger, D. Daly; financial secretary, D. Haggerty; recording secretary, Joseph Connors; treasurer, John H. Coleman; S. W. John Ryan; J. W. John Coleman; S. B. P. Haggerty; J. B. John Costigan; physician, W. J. O'Hara; pharmacist, Billings & Clappett; trustees, Miles Bennett, J. W. Copp and Joseph McCann. After the first meeting in January, meetings will be held the first and third Wednesday evening of each month.

BIBEAU'S OPENING.
With a burst of band and orchestral music, D. C. Bibeau's concert hall was opened last night. The crush was so great that many were turned away. The stage performance was clean and of even merit. A laudable effort by the management to maintain decorum was manifest.

CHRISTMAS FOODSTUFFS.

Final Prices Set. Many people are interested as to what the probable cost of their Christmas dinner will be. The cost can be made heavy or light, according to means, and here is a list of some of the principal necessities, together with the final price set upon the foodstuffs.

Turkeys are from 12 to 13 cents a pound, while some extra choice natives are held at 20 cents per pound. Ducks are 22 cents for Pekin, and common, 20 cents per pound. Geese are 18 to 20 cents for native stock. Chickens are \$1.50 per pair for broilers and 12 to 20 cents per pound for fowls and young chickens.

In meats, there is a great variety. The prices are: Prime rib roast, 20c; Western, 14c a pound; roast veal, 15c; mutton, 14c; lamb, 16c to 20c; roast pork, 15c; fresh hams, 11c per pound.

HER WALLET STOLEN.
Between 6 and 7 last evening a well dressed lady stepped up to the stamp window of the postoffice and purchased some stamps. While she was preparing a letter for postage, she laid her purse, containing about \$4 on the window ledge beside her. Her at-

to command the regimental schools which are to be established. Colonel R. M. Blatchford is commandant of the school. In addition to teaching rifle and machine gun fire, the school is entrusted with the training of new rifles, targets and ammunition.

NEW ZEALANDERS RAID GERMAN COPRA BUSINESS

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 23.—In consequence of complaints by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce that the Deutsche Handels und Plantagen Gesellschaft, a German Pacific Island trading firm with headquarters in Hamburg, and a large business in copra, was doing business in Samoa and the Tonga Group, the headquarters and four plantations of the company in Samoa were lately raided by the New Zealand government authorities, papers were seized and several Germans were arrested. Subsequently Karl Hansen, the general manager, was convicted before a military court of evading the censorship by mailing letters to Germany from San Francisco through the connivance of sailing vessels plying between California and Samoa. Adolph Eberhardt, manager of one of the company's largest coconut groves, was found guilty of having withheld from the New Zealand military authorities documents which had belonged to the German Samoan government. Hansen was sentenced to six months imprisonment and internment until the end of the war; and Eberhardt was sentenced to a fine of \$150 and internment.

The business has been placed in the hands of a receiver appointed by the New Zealand government. By this action all German business activity in the South Pacific—unless it be under British scrutiny—ceases until peace has been concluded.

STEPNEY
The Birdseye's Plain school was in session on Saturday to make up time lost in the recent snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Morgan spent Tuesday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Hayes.

Miss Martha Broderick, who has been the guest of Mrs. Emily D. Leavenworth for a few days, has returned to Bridgeport.

Mrs. Zalmom Purdy has been the guest this week of relatives in Bridgeport.

Albert French has procured a position operating a milk truck between this place and Bridgeport.

Mrs. Emily D. Leavenworth is spending several days as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Drew in White Hills.

Henry Seeley lost his horse last week.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school has been postponed from Thursday night and will be held Dec. 28.

Miss Mary Pedersen closed her school Thursday and will spend the holiday in Ansonia.

Miss Carolyn Garlick has been the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Garlick, for a week.

Miss Clara Gregory held a Christmas entertainment at her school house on Wednesday evening of this week.

The regular meeting of Harmony grange will be held this evening. A Christmas tree with exchange of gifts by the members will be held.

Former President William E. Taft will fill all his Eastern speaking engagements, despite a severe attack of laryngitis.

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